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TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SFRC LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ON IFAD

1. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISCUSSIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT, FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY FROM EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT MORNING OF AUG 6. SENATOR HUMPHREY ASKED THAT IT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ARTICLES OF

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AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL

DEVELOPMENT. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD AND BELIEVE THAT IFAD CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN DEVELOPING NATIONS.

3. AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE MOST BASIC REASONS FOR OUR SUPPORT OF IFAD WAS THE PROSPECT OF SECURING A LEVEL OF OPEC CONTRIBUTIONS ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THOSE OF THE OECD

NATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM OPEC IS REQUIRED IF IFAD IS TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OPEC HAS OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE 400 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS OFFER IS UNACCEPTABLY LOW. IT DOES NOT MEET THE TEST OF EQUITABLE BURDEN-SHARING AS REQUIRED BY THE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION.

4. HOWEVER, WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY MAKE BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IFAD. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER 450-470 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE AN EQUITABLE CONTRIBUTION BY OPEC. WE URGE YOU TO PRESS OPEC NATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS LEVEL.

5. WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS MADE TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE IFAD NEGOTIATIONS. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, JOHN SPARKMAN, CLIFFORD P. CASE, JACOB J. JAVITS, CLAIBORNE PELL, GALE W. MC GEE, DICK CLARK, AND CHARLES PERCY. UNQUOTE. HABIB

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